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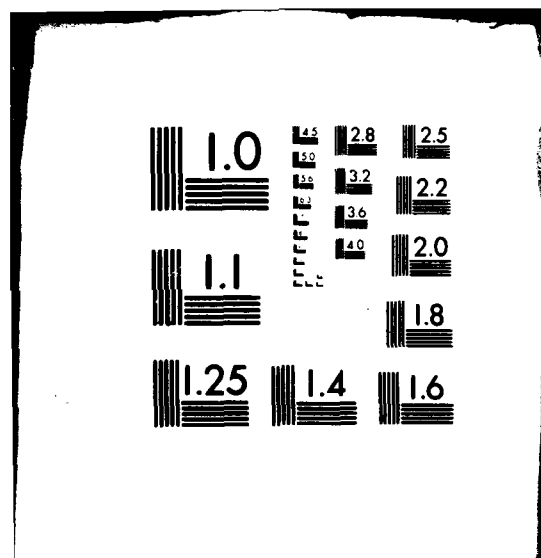
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The AFIP continued as the monitor and reviewer for the U. S. Army of pathology findings in experimental and control animals on the longterm wholesomeness testing of irradiated meats. AFIP pathologists performed five site visits to the contractor's laboratories between 1 Oct 78 and 30 Sept 79. Also one visit to the AFIP was made by the Raltech senior pathologist. Specimens from 198 animal cases consisting of 1783 paraffin blocks were received at the AFIP and accessioned in the Registry of Veterinary Pathology.

AFIP pathologists have worked closely with the contractor's pathologist in the standardization of coding all lesions. Efforts in this area included clearly defining minor and major differences and providing consultation prior to Raltech's formal report on neoplasms which are not distinct. Selection of cases to be studied histopathologically is accomplished by a detailed review of the contractor's pathology reports on each individual animal. This permits an appraisal of all the contractor's diagnoses and the histological review of the case with diagnoses of an unusual nature, in addition to a review of the contractor's interpretation of the lesions normally expected in laboratory animals.

To improve the quality of the histologic preparation of the eye specimens, special training at the AFIP was arranged for, so that the Raltech technician could receive training by the AFIP, ophthalmic histological processing division laboratory.

A method of strict accounting of the paraffin blocks has been instituted. The number of blocks for each case forwarded to the AFIP is recorded by Raltech on an AFIP form. This number is then checked by the number of blocks received by the AFIP and finally the number of slides processed.

The data acquired through reviewing the Raltech cases is now compiled and arranged in an easily readable report which is uniform in format. This permits direct comparison of AFIP results with that reported by Raltech pathologists.

All quarterly reports have been reviewed by the AFIP, pertaining to the pathology data recorded therein and observations have been provided to the project officer. Liaison has been made with the project officer to insure that the coding and formal data input into the AFIP computer will provide necessary retrieval data in the future, that will permit direct comparison with the contractor's data.

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Results of the pathology review have shown that Raltech Scientific Services, Inc. diagnoses and characterization of lesions has improved markedly. A moderate number missing specimens from a variety of organs was noted and in some instances specimens from some small organ, i.e., parathyroid, pituitary, thyroid were routinely not present. Although the frequency of missing specimens has diminished greatly, this still represents the most significant area of concern in the study. Likewise, although in the past Raltech may have been tardy in processing the cases and in providing the AFIP with copies of their diagnoses, recently this appears to have been remedied. Over all, Raltech Scientific Services, Inc. diagnostic services were at an acceptable professional level.

At present the AFIP has reviewed all of the mouse study cases up to and including the 15-month sacrifice group. Some 26-month canine sacrifice cases, Flb generation termination cases as well as mouse moribund and spontaneous death cases are now being reviewed by the AFIP.

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